

CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, August 30, 2021 5:00 pm Hybrid Meeting Agenda

The City Council Committee of the Whole meetings are filmed and can be viewed LIVE while the meeting is taking place via the attached Zoom link and dial-in phone number, on Facebook and on BCTV MAC Channel 99 or at your convenience at https://www.readingpa.gov/content/city-council-video.

Due to COVID-19, the public is prohibited from physically attending the meeting. In person attendance to view the meeting is permitted in the Penn Room in City Hall – use the 8^{th} Street doors. To attend the meeting via our virtual app, please log-in using the link or the dial-in phone number below.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join.

https://readingpa.zoom.us/j/89177824817?pwd=T3Rhcm1ySIMzZWdVZXVNVy82MVhTdz09

Passcode: 776014

Or One tap mobile:

+13126266799,,89177824817#,,,,*776014# US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,89177824817#,,,,*776014# US (New York)

Or join by phone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 720 707 2699 or +1 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 (Toll Free) or 877 853 5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 891 7782 4817

Passcode: 776014

I. RACC 2nd & Penn Project - J. London & K. Dearstyne

30 mins

• Street Vacation, Subdivision & Annexation

II. Bernhart's Dam/Park

45 min

III. Ontelaunee Dam Update - B. Murray

- 15 mins
- IV. Water Alliance and Water Equity Task Force – B. Murray

5 mins

V **Executive Session**

PETITION TO VACATE A STREET

The City of Reading City Council 815 Washington Street Reading, PA 19601

To the Honorable City Council Members: We, the owners of properties abutting on the line of Penn Street (SR3422)

(Street to be vacated)

between South Second Street and South Front Street (Nearest and Intersecting Streets)

in the City of Reading, respectfully represent: That we are a majority in number of persons owning properties, or owners of a majority of the feet frontage abutting on the line of said highway between the points named, and that we desire the same to be vacated and stricken from the City Topographical Map.

And in consideration of the benefit and advantage which we believe will accrue to our properties by reason of said vacation and striking from the City Topographical Map, we do hereby covenant, promise, and agree that we and each of us will release and by these presents we do release the said City of Reading of and from all damages or claims for damages by reason of the vacating and striking from the City Topographical Map of

City right of way of Penn Street on the property of Reading Area Community College between South Second Street

(Street to be vacated)

(Nearest Intersecting Streets)

and South Front Street

(Nearest Intersecting Streets)

We, therefore, pray your Honorable Body to enact the necessary legislation to vacate and strike from the City Topographical Map, said City right of way of Penn Street between the points above named. And we will ever pray, etc.

Address	Frontage (in ft)	Date
P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706 See attached plot		
8		4
9		
		1.6
		Address Frontage (in ft) P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706 See attached plot

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
COUNTY OF BERKS : SS:
On this, the 10 th day of June , 20 _e 21, before me, the
undersigned officer a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally
appeared Kenneth Dearstyne, , who acknowledged him/herself to
be the Senior Vice President for Finance of Reading Area Community College. and Administrative Services and the he/she, of such office, being duly authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument
for the purposes therein contained by signing for Reading Area Community College. by
him/herself as Senior Via President for Finance and and deposes and says that the Administrative Services facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and
belief.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and official seal.
Nadine F. Stouat Notary Public
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8-13-21

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA NOTARIAL SEAL NADINE F. STOUDT, Notary Public Spring Township, Berks County My Commission Expires August 13, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
COUNTY OF BERKS : SS:
On this, the 10th day of June , 20,21, before me, the
undersigned officer a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally
appeared Kenneth Dearstyne, who acknowledged him/herself to
be the Senior Vice President for Finance of Reading Area Community College. and Administrative Services and the he/she, of such office, being duly authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument
for the purposes therein contained by signing for Reading Area Community College. by
him/herself as Senior Via President for Finance and and deposes and says that the Administrative Services
facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and
belief.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and official seal.
Noding F. Stouat

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8-13-21

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL

NADINE F. STOUDT, Notary Public

Spring Township, Berks County
My Commission Expires August 13, 2021

DECEIVED

JUN 1.4 2021

BY: ### pm.

CITY OF READING STREET VACATION PETITION

Information Sheet

Note: The City of Reading Planning Commission and Public Works Departments must review all applications for completeness and make a recommendation to approve or reject to the City of Reading City Council.

	rty Address of Owner	Tax Parcel ID Number			
P.O	ding Area Community College . Box 1706				
Rea	ding, PA 19603-1706				
treet	(s) or Portion Thereof to be Vacated				
	of Reading Right-of-Way for Penn Street, betw t Street	een South Second Street and South			
	ia for Street Vacations: Provide as much info	ormation and be as specific as possible.			
	4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				
1.	Please explain the purpose of this request. The vacation of the right-of-way is requested for the purpose of facilitating improvements which will beautify				
		surrounding area more pedestrian-friendly (see attached			
	YC 4				
2.	If the street vacation is approved, what benefit	will it provide to the public?			
2.	The area will be made more attractive and safer with in (See attached narrative and exhibits.)	이 등이 있는 경우를 하는 것이 있는 것이 하면 하는 것이 되었다. 그 사람들은 이 사람들이 없는 것이 되었다. [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1]			
	The area will be made more attractive and safer with in (See attached narrative and exhibits.) If the street vacation is approved, how will it be	proved signage, walkways, stairs and paths.			
3.	The area will be made more attractive and safer with in (See attached narrative and exhibits.) If the street vacation is approved, how will it to the neighborhood and local businesses will be benefitted.	proved signage, walkways, stairs and paths. penefit the neighborhood and/or businesses? ed by a safer and more attractive gateway area to RACC the City's Comprehensive Plan, including			
3.	The area will be made more altractive and safer with in (See attached narrative and exhibits.) If the street vacation is approved, how will it to the neighborhood and local businesses will be benefitte (See attached narrative and exhibits.) Is the street vacation request consistent with the	proved signage, walkways, stairs and paths. pencfit the neighborhood and/or businesses? ed by a safer and more attractive gateway area to RACC the City's Comprehensive Plan, including onal transportation plans? "complete streets" on Second Street in Center city.			

	If the street vacation is approved, what is the transportation impact on the surrounding streets? None, as the area proposed for vacation is not cartway and is not used for vehicular travel.	
7.	If the street vacation is approved, will it impact future development of existing parcels adjacent to the portion of the street being vacated? No, as purpose of this vacation is to allow for improvement project solely on the property of Reading Area Community College.	
8.	What are the current maintenance costs to the City of Reading (i.e. street cleaning, paving, maintenance of light fixtures, street repairs)? Will the applicant maintain or make improvements to the portion of the street being vacated? Applicant, Reading Area Community College, will improve and maintain the vacated area. Current cost to the City is unknown, but area has been used and controlled by Reading Area Community College.	
9.	Does the applicant have the ability to undertake repair and maintenance of the street if the street vacation is approved? Applicant will maintain and repair vacated area, which it intends to improve with walkway, stairs, lighting, signs and planters.	
10.	. If the street vacation is approved, what impact will it have on abutting property owners who did not sign the petition, if applicable? The vacation, to allow for the improvements to the area, will make the neighborhood more attractive and facilitate walkability.	
11	. If the street vacation is approved, what impact will it have on emergency response providers? The vacated area will provide for higher quality signage which will assist emergency response providers.	
Appli Name		٠
Comp	any Reading Area Community College	
Addre	P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706	
Phone	610-372-4721	
Email	c/o Joan E. London - jlondon@kozloffstoudt.com	news
	City of Reading City Clerk's Office 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 - Phone: (610) 655-6204 - Fax: (610) 655-6697 Email: council@readingpa.org	4 2021 L

6

ompany Kozloff Stoudt, P.C.	
ompany_Rozion Stoudt, P.G.	
ddress _2640 Westview Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610	
hone 610-670-2552	
mail_jlondon@kozloffstoudt.com	
Property Owner	
Name Reading Area Community College	
Company	530
Address _ 10 South Second Street, P.O. Box 1706, Readin	
Address 10 South Second Street, P.O. Box 1706, Readin	
Address _ 10 South Second Street, P.O. Box 1706, Readin	om ERTIFICATION by the owner of record and that I agree to derstand that any falsification could lead to

KOZLOFF STOUDT
Professional Corporation
By: Joan E. London, Esquire
Attorney I.D. #67934
2640 Westview Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
(610) 670-2552

SOLICITORS FOR READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JUN 154 2021

PETITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR AN ORDINANCE VACATING A 0.56 ACRE PORTION OF THE LEGAL RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROUTE 3422, ALSO KNOWN AS PENN STREET TO PETITIONER

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING:

We, the undersigned, Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College, are the owners of property abutting on Penn Avenue (SR 3422) between South Second Street (SR 2006) and South Front Street in the City of Reading, petition the City Council of the City of Reading as follows:

 For the passage of an Ordinance vacating the right-of-way of the City of Reading in the area depicted on the following Exhibits:

- Exhibit "A" Location Exhibit (Aerial Photograph) depicting areas of requested City right-of-way vacation, prepared by Bogia Engineering, Inc., No. 2019-101
- Exhibit "B" Plotting of dimensions of areas of requested City right-of-way vacation
- Exhibit "C" City of Reading Right-of-Way Vacation Legal Description

The above Exhibits are incorporated by reference as though the same were set forth herein at length.

2. In the event that the City of Reading causing its said right-of-way to be vacated to Reading Area Community College, would adopt the requested Ordinance, we agree to be bound by the terms of the Ordinance authorizing the same.

3. The right-of-way area is situated solely on the property of Reading Area Community College, and the Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College

8

requests that the same be vacated to Reading Area Community College for nominal consideration.

- 4. The vacation of the right-of-way is requested for the purpose of facilitating improvements which will beautify the gateway area to the College and make the surrounding area more attractive and pedestrian-friendly.
- 5. We, the undersigned, further agree that we will pay for the cost of ordinance preparation and advertising and costs associated with the public hearing in the manner and in accordance with the Ordinance adopted by the City Council.
- 6. The Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College, for itself, and any successors in interest or assigns, hereby release, remise, quitclaim and forever discharge the City of Reading, and its successors in interest or assigns, from any and all manner and kind of damages that may accrue by reason of the vacation of the above-referenced right-of-way area in the City of Reading by this Council.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 11th DAY OF Jone 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF READING AREA

By: Lettr 2 land

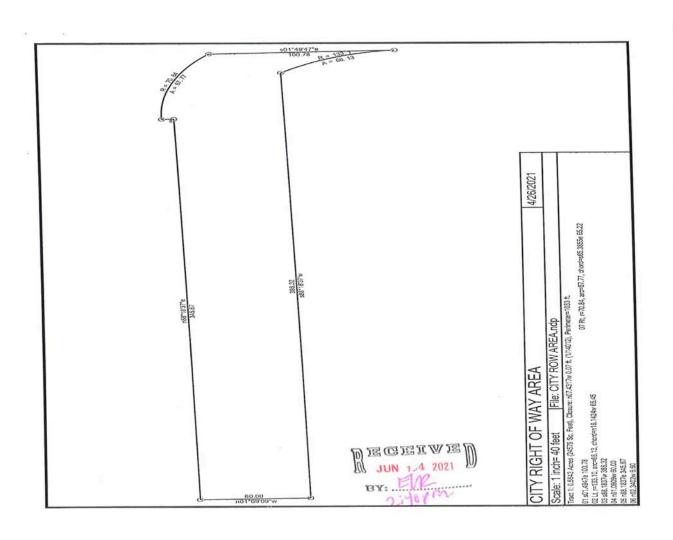
Title: SIP

Attest Co I dal

Title: Solicites

JUN 1.4 2021





PETITION TO VACATE A STREET

The City of Reading City Council 815 Washington Street Reading, PA 19601

To the Honorable City Council Members:

(Nearest Intersecting Streets)

We, the owners of properties abutting on the line of Spruce Street

(Street to be vacated)
Schuylkill River Trail
(Schuylkill River Greenway Association)

and (Schuylkill River Greenway Association)

(Nearest and Intersecting Streets)

in the City of Reading, respectfully represent: That we are a majority in number of persons owning properties, or owners of a majority of the feet frontage abutting on the line of said highway between the points named, and that we desire the same to be vacated and stricken from the City Topographical Map.

And in consideration of the benefit and advantage which we believe will accrue to our properties by reason of said vacation and striking from the City Topographical Map, we do hereby covenant, promise, and agree that we and each of us will release and by these presents we do release the said City of Reading of and from all damages or claims for damages by reason of the vacating and striking from the City Topographical Map of

between South Second Street (Street to be vacated)
Schuylkill River Trail
and (Schuylkill River Greenway Association) (Nearest Intersecting Streets)

We, therefore, pray your Honorable Body to enact the necessary legislation to vacate and strike from the City Topographical Map, said Spruce Street between the points above named. And we will ever pray, etc.

Owner	Address	Frontage (in ft)	Date
By: Reading Area Community College	10 South Second Street, P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706	60' (S. 2nd) 68.19' (Trail)	
By:			
Ву:			
By:			
By:			

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVA	ANIA :	SS:
COUNTY OF BERKS	;	
On this, the 10th day of	June	, 2021, before me, the
undersigned officer a Notary Public in and	I for the Comm	nonwealth of Pennsylvania, personally
appeared 1/enneth Dearstyn	ie_	, who acknowledged him/herself to
be the Senior Vice President for Final and Administrative Services	nce of Re	eading Area Community College
and the he/she, of such office, being duly	authorized to d	o so, executed the foregoing instrument
for the purposes therein contained by sign	ing for <u>Reacti</u>	ng Area Community College. by
him/herself as Senior Vice President to Administrative Sev	, Finance a	9
facts set forth in the foregoing petition are	e true and corre	ect to the best of his knowledge and
belief.		
IN WITNES	S WHEREOF	, I hereto set my hand and official seal.
	Nadire 1	F. Skoudt Notary Public
		Notary Public
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8-13	-21	
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA NOTARIAL SEAL NADINE F. STOUDT, Notary Public Spring Township, Berks County My Commission Expires August 13, 2021		
A State of the Sta		

City of Reading City Clerk's Office 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 - Phone: (610) 655-6204 - Fax: (610) 655-6697 Email: council@readingpa.org

JUN 14 2021 BY: JUN 2 140 PM

CITY OF READING STREET VACATION PETITION

Information Sheet

Note: The City of Reading Planning Commission and Public Works Departments must review all applications for completeness and make a recommendation to approve or reject to the City of Reading City Council.

Rea 10 S P.O	ty Address of Owner ding Area Community College outh Second Street Box 1706 ding, PA 19603-1706	Tax Parcel ID Number
Spru	(s) or Portion Thereof to be Vacated ce Street (unopened) between South Second St ylkill River Greenway Association	reet and the lands of the
	ia for Street Vacations: Provide as much infor dditional Sheets If Necessary)	rmation and be as specific as possible.
1.	Please explain the purpose of this request. The vacation of an unopened portion of Spruce Street bise Community College.	ecting a property owned by Reading Area
2.	If the street vacation is approved, what benefit v Continuity of use and ownership of property owned by Res program of improvements to enhance attractiveness and	ading Area Community College as part of its
3.	If the street vacation is approved, how will it be See response to Question No. 2 above, and attached name	
4.	Is the street vacation request consistent with the the Transportation Element, and adopted region Vacation request is consistent with City Comprehensive F Colleges. Transportation is not impacted, as no cartway	nal transportation plans? Plan, which includes improving connection to the
5.	Has the traffic analysis report been performed napplication date? What are the average daily performed to the specific performed in the specific performance of the specif	
	City of Reading City 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 - Phone Email: council@readir	y Clerk's Office :: (610) 655-6204 - Fax: (610) 655-6697

No	ot applicable, as no cartway is being vacated.	
	the street vacation is approved, will it impact future development of existing parcels jacent to the portion of the street being vacated?	
_	o impact, as unopened portion of Spruce Street bisects property owned exclusively by Reading Area ommunity College.	
m N	That are the current maintenance costs to the City of Reading (i.e. street cleaning, aving, maintenance of light fixtures, street repairs)? Will the applicant maintain or ake improvements to the portion of the street being vacated? o known maintenance costs to the City of Reading, as the portion of Spruce Street was never opened.	
st	oes the applicant have the ability to undertake repair and maintenance of the street if the rect vacation is approved? eading Area Community College will undertake necessary repairs and maintenance if the vacation is	
w	the street vacation is approved, what impact will it have on abutting property owners tho did not sign the petition, if applicable?	
p	the street vacation is approved, what impact will it have on emergency response roviders?	
-		
a	at	٠
-		
25/4.9	y Reading Area Community College	
	P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706	
	5/0 Joan E. London - jlondon@kozloffstoudt.com	el M
_ (1111	

ame _ Joan E. London, Esquire				
ompany Kozloff Stoudt, P.C.				
ddress 2640 Westview Drive, Wy	omissing, I	PA 19610		
hone 610-670-2552				
mail_jlondon@kozloffstoudt.com				
roperty Owner			a	
ame Reading Area Community	College			
ompany				- 23
ddress P.O. Box 1706, Reading, P.	A 19603-17	06		
hone 610-372-4721				
mailc/o Joan E. London - jlondon	@kozloffsto	oudt.com .		
APPLIC. I hereby certify that the proposed conform to all applicable laws of the denial or criminal penalties, or rework will not commence prior to find.	request is a his jurisdict	ion. I understand that any any permit pursuant to this	record and that falsification cou application. I	ld lead to
Applicant's Signature	Date	Property Owner's Sig	nature	Date

KOZLOFF STOUDT
Professional Corporation
By: Joan E. London, Esquire
Attorney I.D. #67934
2640 Westview Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610
(610) 670-2552

SOLICITORS FOR READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PETITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR AN ORDINANCE VACATING A 0.39 ACRE PORTION OF THE LEGAL RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SPRUCE STREET TO PETITIONER

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING:

We, the undersigned, Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College, are the owners of property abutting on Spruce Street between South Second Street (SR 2006) and the lands of the Schuylkill River Greenway Association in the City of Reading, petition the City Council of the City of Reading as follows:

- For the passage of an Ordinance vacating the right-of-way of the City of Reading in the area depicted on the following Exhibits:
 - Exhibit "A" Location Exhibit (Aerial Photograph) depicting areas of requested City right-of-way vacation, prepared by Bogia Engineering, Inc., No. 2019-101
 - Exhibit "B" Plotting of dimensions of areas of requested City right-of-way vacation
 - Exhibit "C" City of Reading Right-of-Way Spruce Street Vacation Legal Description

The above Exhibits are incorporated by reference as though the same were set forth herein at length.

- 2. In the event that the City of Reading causing its said right-of-way to be vacated to Reading Area Community College, would adopt the requested Ordinance, we agree to be bound by the terms of the Ordinance authorizing the same.
- 3. The right-of-way area is situated solely on the property of Reading Area Community College, and the Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College

BX: EXP 2:409

requests that the same be vacated to Reading Area Community College for nominal consideration.

 The vacation of the right-of-way is requested for the purpose of facilitating improvements to the campus of Reading Area Community College to improve its appearance and safety.

5. We, the undersigned, further agree that we will pay for the cost of ordinance preparation and advertising and costs associated with the public hearing in the manner and in accordance with the Ordinance adopted by the City Council.

6. The Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College, for itself, and any successors in interest or assigns, hereby release, remise, quitclaim and forever discharge the City of Reading, and its successors in interest or assigns, from any and all manner and kind of damages that may accrue by reason of the vacation of the above-referenced right-of-way area in the City of Reading by this Council.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS THIS 11th DAY OF June , 2021.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECETVED

240 pm

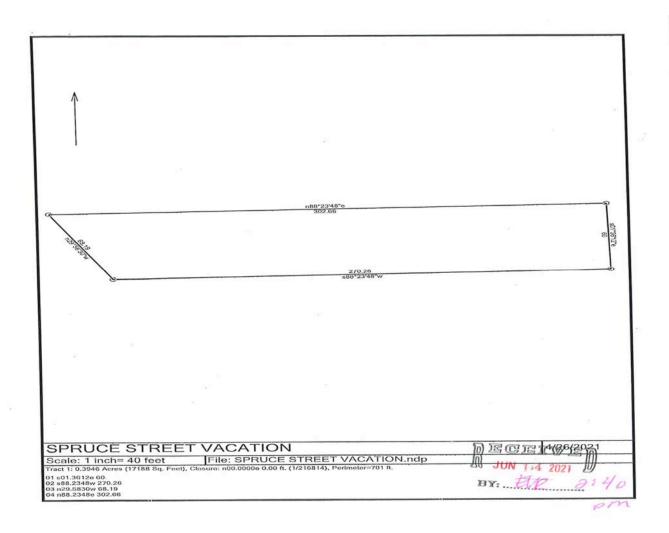
By: KOHAZ DOWN

Title: SVP

Attest: Sou I-IL

Title: Solicitor





From: Gregg A. Bogia, PE, PTOE [mailto:gregg@bogiaeng.com]

Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:48 AM

To: Klingel, Brett M <bklingel@pa.gov>; Timothy Krall <Timothy.Krall@readingpa.gov> **Cc:** earmitage@pennoni.com; Kristen Kostick <KKostick@Pennoni.com>; Boyer, Brian

(District 5) <BRIBOYER@pa.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] RACC - City of Reading

Brett,

Tim Krall requested that PennDOT review the property transfer from the City of Reading to RACC in the area they own along the Penn Street Bridge. That attached drawing highlights that area in blue hatching.

There is no ongoing building project, just sidewalks and some signage to be located outside of the PennDOT right of way.

There is not a HOP required for this property transfer, nor for the work to be performed.

I copied Tim Krall to this email, should he wish to elaborate why PennDOT's approval would be needed.

Gregg A. Bogia, PE, PTOE | Bogia Engineering Inc.

1340 Penn Ave, Wyomissing, PA 19610 T: 610-678-3071 x111 C: 610-209-7176

www.bogiaeng.com

From: Klingel, Brett M < bklingel@pa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:32 AM

To: Gregg A. Bogia, PE, PTOE < gregg@bogiaeng.com >

Cc: earmitage@pennoni.com; Kristen Kostick < KKostick@Pennoni.com>; Boyer, Brian

(District 5) <BRIBOYER@pa.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] RACC - City of Reading

Gregg.

Need more information before I attend or need to attend a meeting.

What is the address/ show me an image location?

Is PennDOT going to be involved in any property transfer?

Is the owner of the lot going to need an HOP (or is there access there currently/ is it changing)?

Is the lot being developed after or during this change in ownership?

Brett M Klingel | Permits Manager for Berks, Lehigh, and Schuylkill Counties PA Department of Transportation Engineering District 5-0 1002 Hamilton Street | Allentown PA 18101

Phone: 610.871.4465 | Fax: 610.871.4614 bklingel@state.pa.us | www.dot.state.pa.us

From: Gregg A. Bogia, PE, PTOE < gregg@bogiaeng.com >

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 5:45 PM
To: Klingel, Brett M < bklingel@pa.gov >
Subject: [External] RACC - City of Reading

ATTENTION: This email message is from an external sender. Do not open links or attachments from unknown sources. To report suspicious email, forward the message as an attachment to CWOPA SPAM@pa.gov.

Brett,

RACC and the City of Reading are working together for RACC to take property and maintenance responsibility of property along the Penn Street Bridge in Reading PA.

It appears that there will be some items to be addressed and an effort for consistency between all parties.

Can we schedule a meeting in the first week on August? I am available on the following days 2, 3, 4, 5AM, 6, to meet.

Gregg A. Bogia, PE, PTOE | Bogia Engineering Inc.

www.bogiaeng.com

_		
Virus-free. www.avg.com		

